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Book launch for Janet Trull's book, *Something's Burning* in Haliburton. See story on page 4.

Naturally Yours takes root

Budding new column starts with a trip down to Snowden Park. See column on page 11.

By day or by night, this Halloween-inspired display showcased on Parkside Street last year in Minden brightened up the town, celebrating October's sweetest holiday. /FILE photo

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New fishing regulations proposed

STEVE GALEA

Outdoors

Anglers in Haliburton County and beyond have an opportunity to comment on proposed changes that might come into effect next fishing season in Fisheries Management Zone (FMZ) 15 (which includes Haliburton County).

A draft plan, put forward by the FMZ 15 Advisory Council, was posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry on Sept. 29 and is open for public review and comment until 11:59 p.m. on Nov. 28.

The 171-page document outlines and explains proposals meant to protect natural lake trout and brook trout lakes and other fisheries and, in some cases, expand angling opportunities. It does the former by placing greater fishing restrictions on those natural lake trout and brook trout lakes zone wide. Local anglers will likely be surprised (pleasantly or unpleasantly) by greater restrictions and even prohibitions on winter fishing in those natural lakes. These restrictions will be offset by regulatory exceptions, that list lakes with year-round opportunities. The plan also offers more regulatory incentives to fish stocked lakes that hold lake trout and brook trout in order to take pressure off of those natural lakes.

Some of us will be upset by these proposals and others will say it's about time.

The only way to have a truly informed opinion, one way or the other, is to read the document at .prod-environmental-registry.s3.amazonaws.com/2022-09/FMZ15_Plan_Master_Sept_27_2022_FINAL.pdf

There's no way to effectively outline all the changes and the rationales behind them in one outdoors column, but here are some of the more interesting proposals.

Protecting natural brook trout lakes

When it comes to protecting natural brook trout lakes, the most notable change will be the zone wide elimination of winter fishing. The proposal calls for a brook trout season that runs from the fourth Saturday in April to Sept. 30 in natural brook trout lakes, with daily limits of two fish for those possessing a sport fishing licence and one fish for those holding a conservation licence. A prohibition on the use and possession of live bait in those waters is also proposed. The plan also calls for a prohibition of the use of live fish as bait on high value and high-risk natural trout waters and waters that flow into Algonquin Park.

To offset these restrictions, there will be year-round brook trout fishing opportunities in stocked lakes that will be noted as exceptions in the regulations. These exception lakes will have daily limits of five for those with a sport fishing licence and two for those with a conservation licence, hopefully making them more attractive to anglers.

Protecting natural lakes trout lakes

Natural lake trout lakes across the zone, will be divided into four categories: small natural lakes under 500 hectares with large-bodied fish, small natural lakes under 500 hectares with small-bodied fish. They will also designate large natural lakes over 500 hectares with large-bodied fish and large natural lakes over 500 hectares with small-bodied fish. Under the proposal, anglers can only keep fish 40 centimetres or better in lakes deemed to have small-bodied fish. Lakes with large-bodied fish will require a minimum harvest size of 50 centimetres.

The new season for both categories of small natural lake trout lakes will be from the third Saturday in May to Labour Day, which eliminates winter fishing in these lakes. Daily catch limits will be two with a sport fishing licence and one for a conservation licence holder. Both categories of large natural lake trout lakes will have winter seasons shortened. Instead, they will open on the Saturday before the Family Day to the third Sunday in March and third Saturday in May to Labour Day. Only one line will be permitted through the ice on these lakes.

As mentioned, there will still be year-round lake trout fishing opportunities detailed via exceptions in the regulations. They will have daily catch limits of two for a sport fishing licence and one for a conservation licence, with no minimum size limit. Two lines will be permitted for ice fishing in these lakes as well.

Other notable proposed changes

In keeping with their mandate to expand fishing opportunities, the draft also proposes to expand bass season zone wide. If the plan is accepted, bass season will run from the third Saturday in June to Dec. 15.

Walleye, anglers will also have to heed a new harvestable slot size of 40 to 50 centimetres, with some exceptions across the region. And put, grow, take walleye stocking will no longer occur in our FMZ.

Rainbow trout, brown trout or splake will not be stocked in lakes managed as natural lake trout or brook trout populations either.

Daily limits for whitefish within the FMZ will be reduced to four with a sport fishing licence and two with a conservation licence.

Also, splake stocking will be considered as an option for put, grow, take fisheries in specific waterbodies to divert angling effort from natural brook and lake trout lakes.

There's plenty more details to ruminate over. So, check out the proposal at ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-5715#comment and, if you feel strongly about it one way or another, let your thoughts be heard. Right now, this is a draft plan awaiting your comment.

After the comment period is over, these could be your new fishing regulations.

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Falling for Colour

LAURIE JONES

Curator at Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre

Am I glad we went for sugar maples on the Rails End Gallery patio back in 2009 when our most recent landscaping project was done! As they've matured, the leafy shade canopy is a welcome relief in summer and, I must say, the colours are simply spectacular this year! Still, nothing has compared to the blazing scarlet of the first maple on the right of the main path down Head Lake Park in Haliburton, right next to the "poop and scoop" sign. It is without rival. There seems to be quite a few people who agree with me since on any given day in October I've watched as cyclists, dog walkers, stroller-pushers and power walkers stop dead in their tracks to take in the glow of autumn at its finest. Some even whip out their phones to document this perennial Highlands' phenomenon standing against the backdrop of the gallery on a clear day. From the gallery window last week, I watched a group of tourists pause to compose a complex design of fallen leaves on the freshly cut grass and snap some pics before the wind swept their work away forever. It took them awhile and it must have been a powerful shared experience to remember. I venture to guess the pictures won't do it justice, they never quite do. Try as we might, it is a rare thing to be able to conjure up nature's splendour, but I seem to keep trying – as evidenced by the amount of fall colour shots taking up memory on my phone waiting for me to paint them one day.

Artist paint manufacturers have come up with some pretty red names such as vermilion, scarlet, cadmium red, naphtha, quinacridone, crimson lake, rose madder and alizarin. None quite as arresting as sugar maple in October, as yet it's not been invented! There is a well-known trick to making a paint more "real" looking and that's to add a tiny bit of its complement, or opposite colour, to your mix or at least into the composition. A tiny bit of green near your red, for example, changes it, and vice versa - try adding some red to your greens for a more realistic touch and see what I mean.

Getting back to those tourists arranging leaves on the grass.

I wonder if it registered with them that they were using basic colour theory to enhance the reds - by placing them against their complement - green? It sure made them pop off the lawn at the time!

With the festive Christmas season approaching we'll soon be seeing a lot of red and green in the shops. Lots of opportunity to study how the two hues work together to push and pull us through winter. As we near the end of a glorious fall, it might be time to grab a few more photographs just in case the spirit moves you to paint a picture over the winter. How about it?

Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre is holding several demonstrations for art enthusiasts over the winter. Visit www.railsendgallery.com for the calendar of events.

Detail of an oil painting in progress during a demonstration held at the Rails End Gallery on Oct. 15 by David Kerr. /Submitted by Laurie Jones

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JANET TRULL
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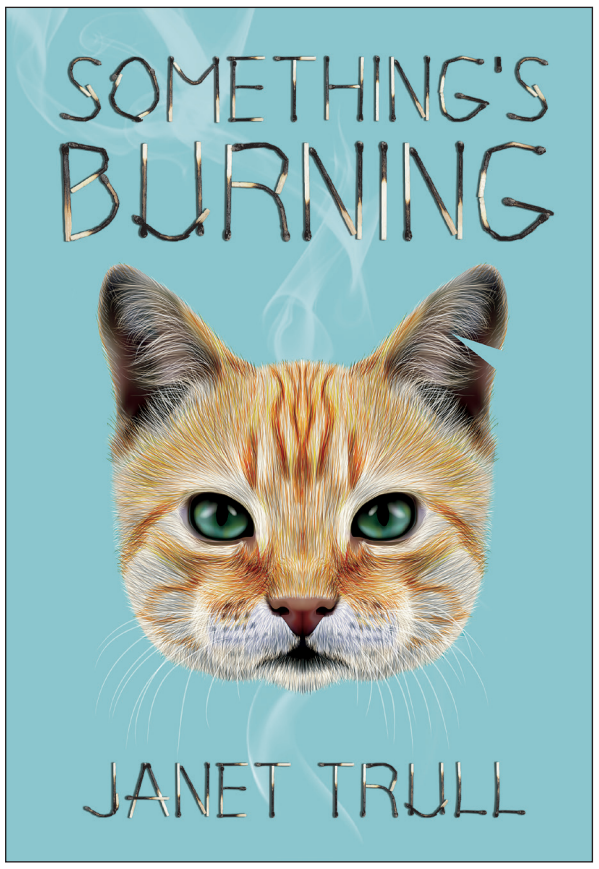

County Life contributor Janet Trull is welcoming the public to come to her book launch for *Something's Burning* from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton on Nov. 12. This book is a collection of her short fiction writings. The book has been recommended as a Fall Read by CBC.

Hikers hike. Hunters hunt. Bakers bake. And writers write.

Why write? Good question. Sometimes writing has gotten me into trouble, like the time I poured my innermost thoughts and desires into a diary, always careful to hide it under layers of clothing in my bottom drawer. Not imagining that my mother might find it during a spring cleaning binge. Caught unaware, like a deer in headlights, as my parents confronted me about the teenage confessions therein.

Getting thoughts out of your head and onto the page can be risky. Ask a journalist who receives death threats for her opinion on controversial issues, or a student who gives an unconventional answer to an exam question. Ask an employee who rants about the boss and selects "Reply All" by mistake. Better to keep those thoughts and ideas in your head, right?

Except, if you're a writer, you are compelled to dump your brain out on a regular basis, lest the whirring thoughts destroy you. It's like a spin cycle that never shuts off. You overhear a conversation at the coffee shop. You read an article in the paper that changes your thinking. You have a profound experience. Loss, grief, infatuation, beauty. It has to spill out.

The challenge with writing it down, is that the experience often seems diminished once it's out of your head. Some things are impossible to capture. That is when a writer goes for a long walk and tries to think of a clever metaphor or a literary device to help define the story.

My first stories were written in cursive, in lined notebooks. They were typically about orphaned children, dying boyfriends, and obscure small-town girls who made it big in the city. In university, I took creative writing courses and realized that the stories I wrote in high school were trash. It didn't matter. They helped me make sense of growing up.

As a young mother, balancing the many responsibilities that go along with that, I stole enough time to write stories for magazines. In those days, *Canadian Living Magazine* paid well. Twelve hundred dollars for an article called *How to Raise a Bookworm* that is still available online. Five hundred dollars for *Globe and Mail* essays. Now, you get nothing but the fame.

I entered writing contests and won quite a few in literary magazines that none of my friends ever heard of. Finally, with an excess of unpublished short stories piling up on my desktop, I found a small press who agreed to publish my collection of short fiction. At Bay Press published *Hot Town and Other Stories*, inspired by the rural and small town people I love to hang out with.

Now! Great news! My new collection of short fiction, called *Something's Burning*, has just been released, and it's recommended as a Fall Read by CBC. The hometown book launch will be right here in Haliburton at the Rails End Gallery on Nov. 12, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. I'll be talking about the stories, and the experiences that inspired them, at 3 p.m., so if you're around, I hope you'll drop by. Meanwhile, copies are available online, in bookstores and, of course, in libraries.

Spoiler alert! Some of the stories in *Something's Burning* have difficult themes. They examine relationships within families and communities reflecting cultural and social change. The world has become a confusing place and the characters in these stories struggle with anger, intolerance and disrespect. Change is hard, but my writing covers the spectrum of joy and loss, and my enduring love for those who can find a balance between them.

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Society shops for talent

BARRIE MARTIN

Haliburton County Folk Society

On Thursday, Oct. 13, a delegation of four including Walt Tose, Don Gage, Barrie Martin, and Shawn Chamberlin, hit the road to go to London. The purpose of the journey was to attend the Folk Music Ontario (FMO)Conference to shop for talent to perform in our upcoming concert series. We were shopping for musicians for the Haliburton County Folk Society, Dominion Hotel, Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve and possibly the Rotary's Music in the Park series.

The four-day FMO conference was a weekend of a lot of music, workshops, conversations, networking, connecting with friends (old and new), the odd beer and late nights. And so much music – no less than 145 20-minute showcases. Between the four of us we heard most of those performances. Don't let the word "folk" fool you. Music ranged from the solo singer/songwriter to six-piece bands playing folk, blues, bluegrass, country, Celtic, rock, jazz and world music. We were so proud to see performers with connections to the Haliburton Highlands – Lunar Bloom, Jess Knights, Winter Folk Camp alumni Christina Hutt and Shawna Caspi, and Sandra Bouza, a 2021 Halls Island Residency artist.

The Folk Society has been attending the conference for 10 years. Some of the new talent from those years have enjoyed considerable success. We heard the Good Lovelies for the first time at FMO and booked them four months later for a very modest fee of $600. With nine critically acclaimed releases, a No. 1 single, and a JUNO Award they are fetching a somewhat higher fee. They have performed several times in the Haliburton Highlands.

Five years ago, we were struck by the talent of an emerging Indigenous singer/songwriter. His name was William Prince. Prince will be performing in Haliburton on Nov. 19. The Folk Society is over-the-moon excited about presenting him. The description on his website provides some insight into his amazing talent – "William Prince approaches the big questions with humility and curiosity, and his song writing is a masterclass in skilful simplicity. Since his JUNO Award win in 2017, Prince's momentum has continued to build, with each new album adding depth and dimension to an exceptional body of work that has received international acclaim. From national network television appearances, top-tier media coverage and performances at major international festivals, William Prince has become one of the country's most respected and celebrated songwriters."

The talent at this year's conference was outstanding and we know that some of those performers will be coming to our community to perform. Who that will be, we don't know yet. Each of us are reviewing our notes from the conference with the intent of creating our list of top 10 musicians. And after sharing and discussing our respective lists, our artistic directors will craft rosters for our concert series. Then the real work begins - contacting agents, determining availability, scheduling dates, and negotiating rates.

Attending the conference is an adventure in music. Chamberlin observed that "as a first-time attendee to FMO I was a little overwhelmed by the amount of music and the overall quality of the performers I got to see. I saw a good variety of genres and an opportunity to get a feel of what was happening in other regions of Canada. I was reassured by the huge quantity of young artists who were serious about sharing their stories through music. I don't want to gush, but I enjoyed the conference and appreciated the opportunity to go this year. "

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The cosy corner we all carry is rooted in heart

"I LOVE OUR cozy corner of the world," said my husband, one night while we were driving home through freezing rain and blustery wind.

Your corner of the world. A slice of space carved out just for you. I remember growing up in Haliburton, and at a young age, resonating with the "Kozy Korner" restaurant. What a concept. A space that was safe, comfortable, and dedicated to you.

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Staff

While I still love and admire the Kozy Korner restaurant (best fries in town), the entire concept of a corner carved out for you has stuck with me all my life. So much so that when I attended Haliburton School of Art + Design for digital image design upon returning to Haliburton County five years ago, I did my final project on corners of the world.

With this project, I highlighted a series of spaces I had seen, in which I had taken a photo of a corner that looked exceptionally enticing. These corners were in Ecuador, Halifax, London, Peru, British Columbia, Newfoundland, and of course, Head Lake Park in the great Haliburton Highlands. Cozy corners that I connected with in some capacity throughout my journeys.

Sometimes they were indoors: a sweet cafe with medium-speed internet and high-quality lattes, a restaurant where there was fiddle music every night at 9 p.m., and a spot by the fire where the dog curled up. Sometimes they were outdoors: a mountain range that made you gasp when the sun set, a cherry tree, rich with fruit, and an ocean that played a melody with the tide.

Your corner of the world doesn't need to be a few walls. It can be any little space that makes you feel free. Makes you feel alive.

I am so incredibly privileged to have had so many experiences in so many corners. But something I will say is that it doesn't matter what corners you've been in or how many there's been, what matters is whether your cozy corner makes your soul sing.

I have recently undergone a very minor renovation in my own home. In this space, where I have lived for nearly four years now, I have just added wallpaper. When I told my mom I dabbled in the wallpaper world, she said I belonged in the 1970s. Which may be true. But that's a whole other column.

But, yes, wallpaper. One wall. I heard it's called a "statement wall." And, yes, a statement it is. This one wall is now plastered with a dark paper, with fanciful mushrooms, curled branches, dried leaves, and flower petals. It's a whimsical and wacky wallpaper, but it's me.

The kid who always liked weird things. Who's ears perked up at the mention of fairies and fables, who adored the magical and the mystical, far beyond the time where it was cool to do so. Now, as an adult, I have a wall that sings the songs of sentimental values. I have created a corner of the world that is mine.

In this corner, I plan to write, to go back to school, to dive into news articles, to read about the bubbling news and to revel in the current affairs. It is my space to learn, to laugh, to live, to love.

So, create your corner of the world. The space that brings you joy, that highlights who you are, that celebrates your stories. Find that space in this big and beautiful world. It may be a space you know, it may be brand new, but make it yours to explore, create, and build. Home is wherever the cozy corner lives.

Top 10 reasons you might need new socks

EVERYONE LOVES a broken-in pair of socks. But when you have to take your shoes off in a crowded room and there is more foot than sock, it's probably time for a new pair. It's not easy to say goodbye to the clothing that cradled your feet all these years, but it's sometimes required. Here are the top 10 reasons why:

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Even you dog won't touch them.
2. Your sock puppets are showing too much skin.
3. Foot odour just seems a little closer.
4. Local matchmaker won't go near your sock drawer.
5. They are older than your kids.
6. So thin, people think you are wearing fish net stockings.
7. People compliment you on your ankle bracelets.
8. They actually do need to match.
9. Your heel has eaten through your sock and is starting to wear a hole in your boot.
10. Your big toe escaped.

Welcoming public awareness of issues related to rodenticides

Dear Editor,

Kudos to *County Life* for publishing the article on rodenticides submitted by Allison Hansen. I have been preaching about this subject for years and I find that once people are made aware of the dangers, they generally are horrified. Before retiring, I worked in a veterinary clinic and I have seen more than my fair share of family pets killed by ingesting rodenticides. As well as pest control companies, a huge source of rodenticides are merchants. Every year, unsuspecting home owners go to the store and purchase rodenticides. Every time I see someone purchasing the product, I approach them and ask them if they are aware of the dangers involved in using these products. Once I explain the deadly chain and the harm to family pets and wildlife, most people put the product back on the shelf and purchase a few mouse traps.

Public education is the key here and I thank Allison for bringing it to the forefront.

Janet Bradley
Haliburton, ON

October beach

The sand is still warm, the sea heaves and flows
An occasional feather; summer's sleep is slow

Fall sea, full life - your conscience will change
The waves now a lonely voice, the elements disarranged

Warm wind breathing will roar as fall decays
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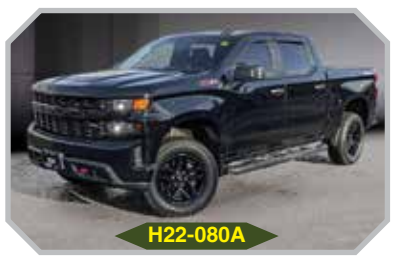

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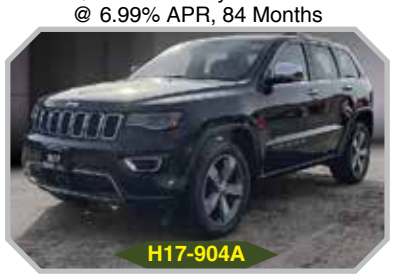

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24.1 Hunting and Trapping in Drag Lake from new book

The following excerpt is from the book, Where the Two Lakes Meet: The History of the Drag Lake Community (1850-present), written and researched by Charles and Laurie Wheeler.

Of special note to Drag Lake's history are trappers David Sawyer, James and William Holland who were the earliest trappers on the lake. Also key to the lake were the trappers of the Roberts Family, Austin family, and Wm Elstone. Later trappers included Reg Sproats and Wm Otto.

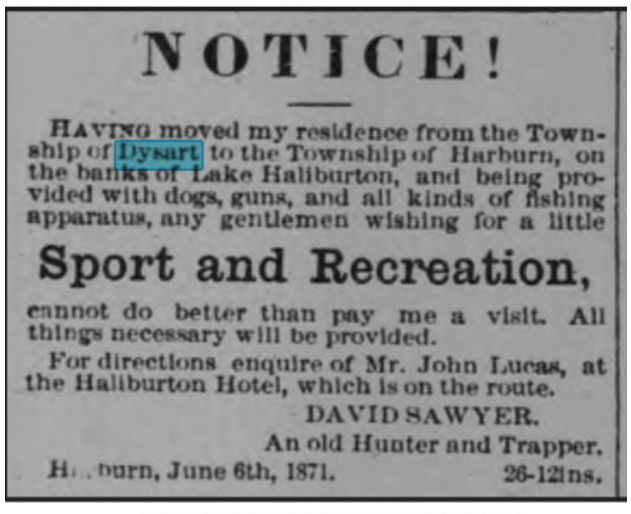
24 .1 David Sawyer (1815-1892)

David Sawyer was born in Quebec, and apparently grew up on Scugog Island, where his father taught him and his brother Benjamin all about trapping and hunting (Source ii). David Sawyer and his wife Eliza and family of 5 children aged 1 to 9 are listed in the 1851 Census of Canada West, living in a 2 storey frame house in Fenelon Township, Victoria County, where David's occupation is given as "Shingle maker". From here it appears that he was already venturing north to the Drag Lake area to hunt. Sometime around 1859, he moved his family north to the shore of Lake Kashagawigamog in Dysart Township, where he squatted.

Surveyor V.B Wadsworth noted around 1864 as follows: "On Drag Lake, Dave Sawyer, trapper and hunter, usually resided and I have hunted deer with hounds and speared salmon trout by the light of birch bark torch with him and his sons when passing through there". Surveyor Niven also stayed with David Sawyer at Sand Point on Drag Lake on April 7, 1869. In November 1869, C.R. Stewart of Boyd Lumber, obtained the assistance of a man who had hunted on the west side of Drag Lake for 25 years (therefore from @1845) to assist in locating pine there. Although not named, we believe this was likely David Sawyer, for just two months later, Stewart arranged to have "an old settler named Sawyer – a hunter" give up his title to his farm in Dysart and receive title to 200 acres elsewhere in the CLECL area. Stewart also promised Sawyer that Boyd would help him sell his produce. It seems that CLECL and Boyd helped him find alternative lands, and also helped him to advertise his hunting services! This advertisement would have been very unusual for the times, especially for an illiterate hunter. He appears to have been an entrepreneur. Among other things, he asked Council in 1869 if he could cut the timber on the municipality's road allowances (to which they said no).

The 1871 census confirms that David Sawyer and his wife and newborn child were in spring 1871 living on Lot 1, Con V in Dysart (on Lake Kashagawigamog) where they had 118 acres with a mixed farm (one barn, one boat, one plough, seven acres in pasture,two acres of wheat, two acres of potatoes (500 bushels), 12 acres of hay (13 tons), one milch (sic) cow, three swine, and produced 68 pounds of butter in the last year. He is listed as having one boat but his trapping and fishing returns were not recorded.

David Sawyer used his trapping skills to provide game and fish to the logging camps which arrived in the 1870s. An 1872 notebook from Boyd Lumber notes that between Oct 14 and Nov 1, 1872, he provided 90 lb fish, and 620 lbs of Venison for Boyd's camp supplies for the winter (Source clv). The 1881 census shows that David Sawyer (aged 66), along with his three sons Henery (age 33), George (age 22) and Samuel (aged 24) were all trappers in Dysart et al. David Sawyer was a caretaker of Boyd's lumber camp on Haliburton Lake and grew corn and pumpkins on Big Island. It appears that David died in Harburn in 1892.



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DAVID SAWYER.
An old Hunter and Trapper.

H..burn, June 6th, 1871. 26-12ins.

SOURCE: Peterborough Review, June 27,1871

Purchase printed copies of the book by emailing draglakebook@gmail.com or at 705-457-8005. The book is also available at Master's Book Store in Haliburton.

Like it is

Poets always gush about the forest and the sky
Pragmatists can wonder what the physics are, and why
Colour's so important to the senses of the heart
Membrane's thin there, hardly telling eyes and soul apart

Large as well on painters' lists, the camera-toting too
Are the vistas when a month shifts into something new
Creatures cannot care the same for glory in a dawn
Just an urgency to prep for what big skies bring on

Nonetheless, communal awe for nature's giant voice
Understands that living things hold very little choice
Weather does what weather does, those seasons come and go
Spring returns its seeds of life, and winter, its deathblow

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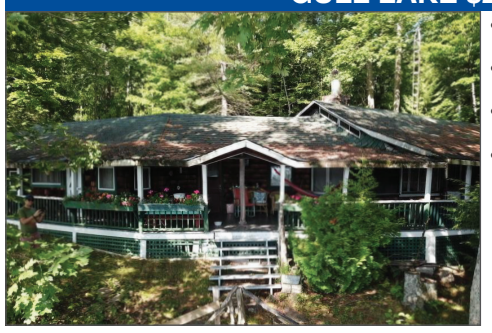

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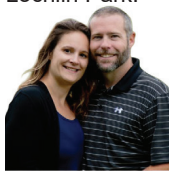

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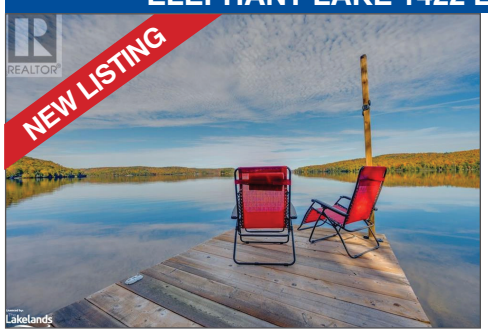

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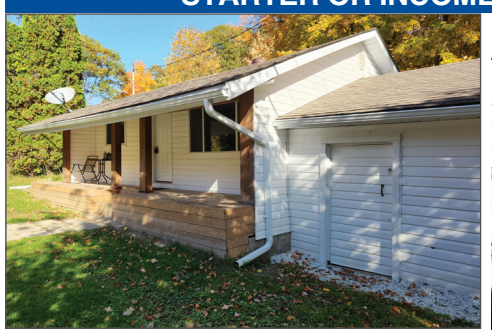

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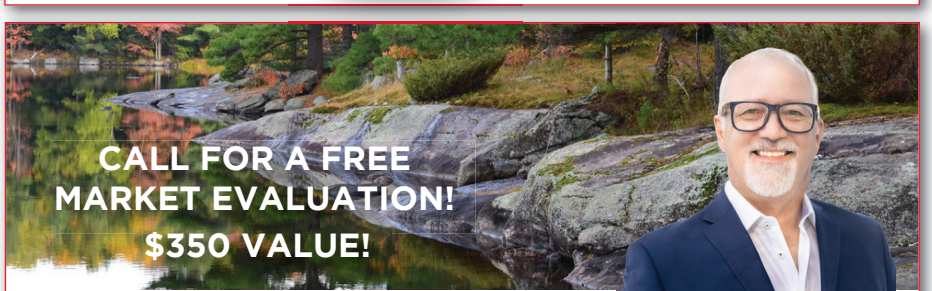

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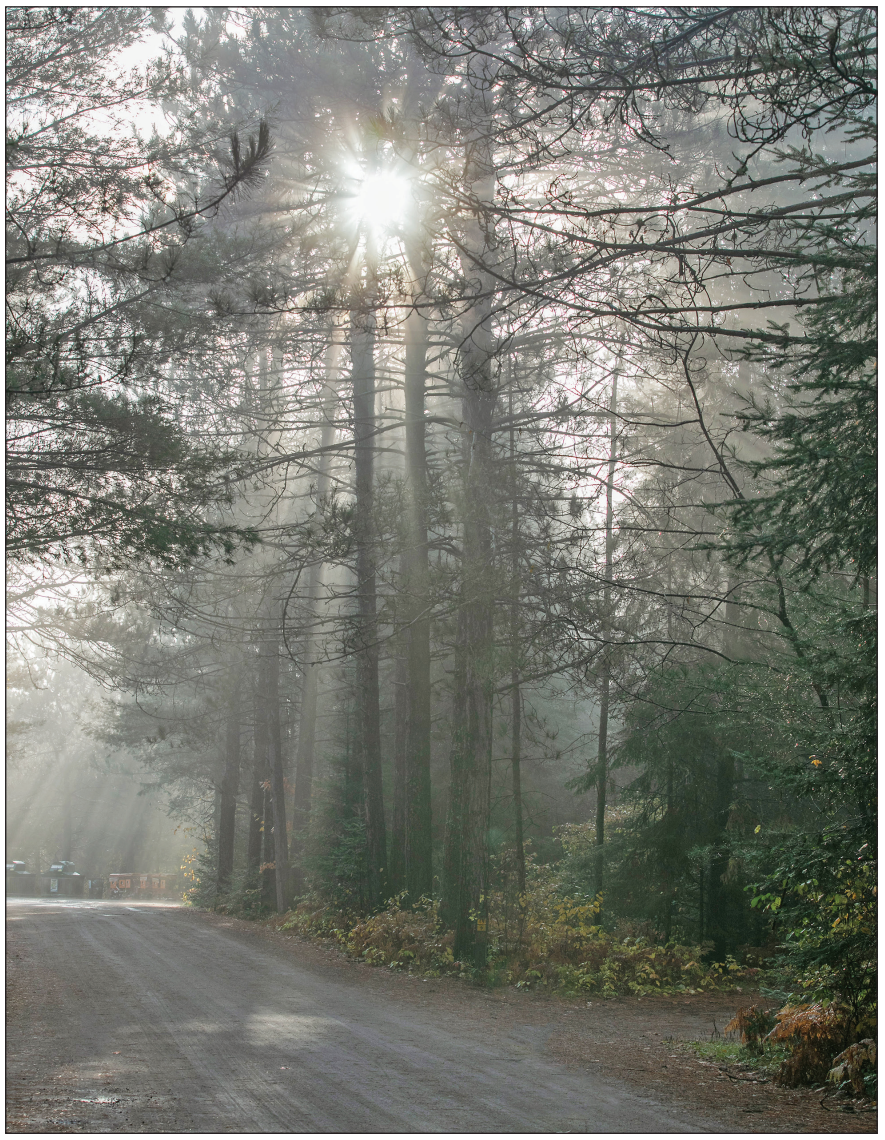

Capturing the beauty of light. /Submitted by Tammy Nash

Above, wildlife photographer Tammy Nash frames a fisher.

Deer seen through the lense of area photographer Tammy Nash.

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Naturally Yours

Snowden Park is one of many trails in the Highlands, offering natural beauty and an opportunity for people to explore, to find interesting and memorable scenes such as the Lincoln in the woods. /Phtos submitted by Rick Whitteker

Signs of a pileated woodpecker's presence.

Snowden Park, lessons of the intrepid traveler

RICK WHITTEKER

Special to *County Life*

It was cold. Really cold. However, I kept smiling while floundering with snowshoes on in water up to my waist. You see, I was guiding 10 people through Snowden Park in January and even with years of assisting ice safety courses for my college students, I got overly excited about checking out wolf tracks around an active beaver lodge. My training should have warned me that ice around these lodges is always weak.

All my other guided hikes at Snowden Park have been less eventful. Located just south of South Lake Road on County Road 1, this hidden gem is managed by the Township of Minden Hills. Predominately flat with some dips and root hazards to keep you alert, this 450-acre park is surrounded by different types of wetlands, but also has an upland forest environment, which is drier, adding a nice variety to your hike. A great place to hike and snowshoe, I have seen fisher, American bittern, beaver and snowshoe hare at Snowden.

Snowden Park has two main loop trails, the Brenda Chambers trail (1.86 kilometres) and the Ross Rigney trail (3.64 kilometres). There are two viewing areas on the Brenda Chambers trail which allow you to lookout over a marsh and a fen. At the first look out, an elevated platform near the trailhead, look out for basking turtles and beavers. You can see the beaver water trails through the pond lilies, as they move around from their lodge to feeding areas. The more modest fen lookout further along the trail, which affords you an expansive view of sedges, mosses, tamarack trees and, in the fall, the white, flowering puffballs of rough cottongrass.

The trail transitions to a drier forest environment and eventually leads to the Homestead Trail- a short trail section leading to the Ross Rigney loop. It is along this trail you will see stone fences, an old well and remnants of a barn from a pioneer homestead that dates back from around 1900. Interestingly, there is an old white pine along the trail which tells a tale of both human and natural history. With a girth of almost four metres, this pine has branches that starts near the base of the tree, suggesting it has been exposed to plenty of sunlight in the past. Commonly called a "field pine," this tree likely had little competition for sunlight as the area around it was cleared for homesteading early in its life. A pileated woodpecker is a regular visitor to this tree now, the large, oblong excavations seen on a lower branch can only be done by Ontario's largest woodpecker. Check out the base of the tree. Sawdust collects here, the byproduct of nest making carpenter ants, the food source sought by the woodpecker.

Ross Rigney trail is a loop with lots of variety to it. Surrounded by wetlands, this trail is also flat but has some challenging muddy sections especially in the spring. Ferns and mosses grace the sides of the trail, and keep an eye out for moose antler rubs on samplings along this trail in the spring. Decidedly less natural, a 1973 Lincoln Continental rests rusting away about 500 metres from the start of this loop travelling counter clockwise. Make up your own story as I have yet to hear a plausible one on how it got there!

Snowden Park offers a flat, varied hiking and snowshoeing experience with outhouses, rain shelters and excellent trail maps at every intersection, which always seem to know where you are! A tranquil trek with no motorized use allowed, Snowden Park is one of many great trails in the area.

Follow me with my series Naturally Yours in County Life, showcasing the unique hiking trails of Haliburton County. As they say, great learning can come from your mistakes, so I intend to stay dry on future hikes! Rick Whittker is a recently retired instructor of Fleming College's outdoor adventure diploma program, and avid outdoor instructor, guide and naturalist wannabe.

Historically speaking

Three names have been honoured in the completion of the trails and infrastructure at Snowden Park: Brenda Chambers, Ross Rigney, and Vern

Graham Brenda was a well-respected ecologist and author of several books, including *Forest Plants of Central Ontario*. She helped write the first brochure at Snowden and her book was one resource used in the plant inventory of the park. Ross Rigney was the first reeve of the amalgamated Township of Minden Hills and Warden for the County of Haliburton in 2003. Vern Graham was past president of the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists and was influential in the initial establishment of trails at Snowden. The view platform near the trailhead has a plaque on it honouring Vern's efforts.

Letter to a stranger

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I hope you act with conviction and integrity and speak with others in a genuine way, not about them when they turn their backs. I hope you are honest with those who care about you and strangers who just met you, but most of all, I hope you are honest with yourself, not only when you peer into the mirror to preen your persona each morning, but when you are sitting alone in a room or beneath a tree, walking beneath the borderless sky, or on your bedroom floor, listening to music or the wind sigh in the trees. I hope you forgive others and don't hold grudges, and admit when you are wrong. I hope you forgive yourself and acknowledge that sometimes you can be wrong, it's not always others who are at fault. I hope you cut yourself some slack when you feel pressure, when you are angry or sad, and buy somebody a coffee or give them a rose or daisy that day. I hope you run your fingers through the fur of a dog or cat every chance you get and ruffle a child's head, or give them the sort of hug I hope you received when you were small.

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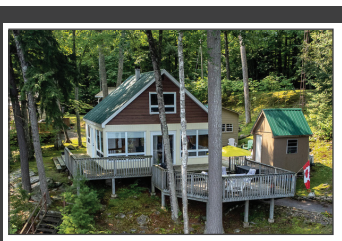

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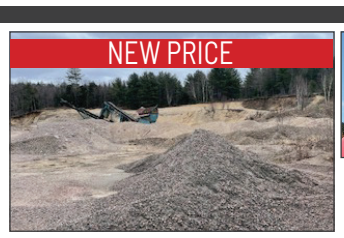

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Hunter Creek Rd $975,000

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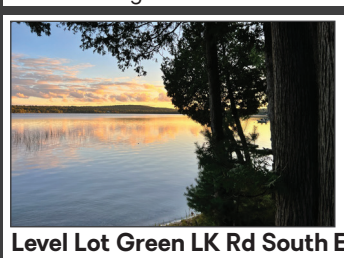

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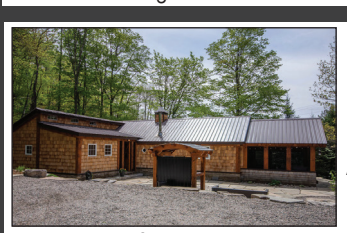

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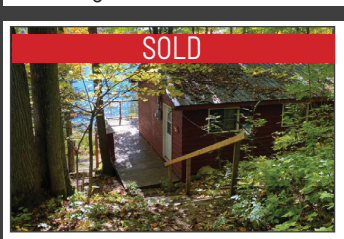

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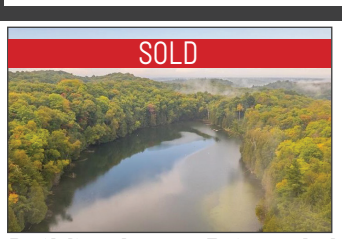

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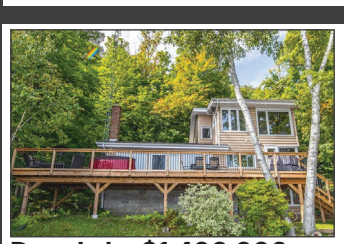

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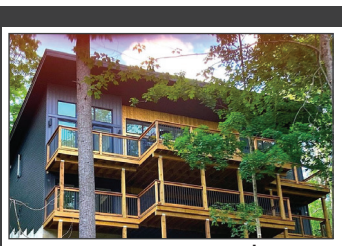

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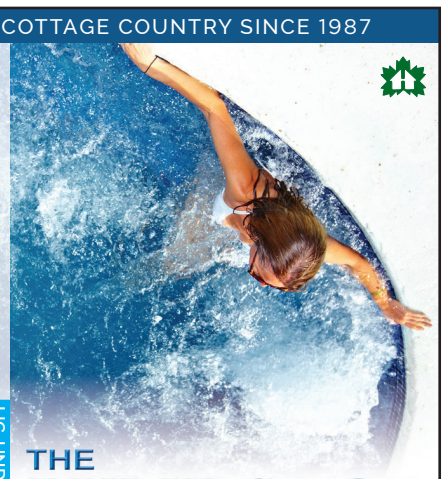

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ERIK MARTENSSON/Echo

HHSS students in Dave Mowat's Grade 11 Biology class were busy planting a large variety of plants and trees at the mouth of the Drag River in Haliburton on Friday. The planting is an extension of the Drag River Project and is meant to eventually stabilize the shoreline and also provide a barrier to geese so they will not come up on shore. The students were planting material they had collected from different ecosystems around the county after being given training to identify certain species of plants that were appropriate to put on the river.

Health board begins the application process for more beds

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Less than two weeks after the ribbon was cut on the 30 new long-term care beds at Haliburton Hospital, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board agreed to begin the long process of applying for 40 more long-term care beds.

At Thursday night's meeting, the board also agreed to lobby for 15 new continuing care beds.

The allocation of 15 complex continuing care beds to the Highlands is part of a recommendation from the regional Joint Executive Committee to the district health council. The council is currently preparing a report for the Ministry of Health about how to distribute new non-acute care beds throughout this region.

Complex continuing care beds, formerly called chronic care beds, are for people who require a heavy level of nursing care, such as a paraplegic who has difficulties swallowing.

There was no discussion about where those beds would be built if the Ministry agrees to the proposal.

The application for more long-term care beds is to take advantage of the final stage of the province's commitment to create more long-term care beds. The 30 new beds just opened in Haliburton were part of the first stage of this capital expansion program.

As Highlanders know, the journey from applying for the beds to having them opened is a long one.

However, as executive director Foster Loucks said, "we need to keep our eye on the future and the train is in the station today."

The planning and governance committee which made the recommendation to the board "felt it was best to stick our oar in the water," Jack Brezina said.

Starting on October 23, patients to the

See **HHHS** *page 7*

Stanhope Airport expansion hits turbulence

ERIK MARTENSSON
Staff Reporter

A long debate on the proposed future expansion of Haliburton's only airport culminated with Stanhope council being forced to back down and approve the severance of a property adjacent to the airfield. Council had objected to the quartering of the private property on the airport's northern boundary as the land is thought to be the best option for a proposed 4,000 ft. crosswind runway.

But in the end council felt it had no choice but to allow the severances to go through.

"We do not have sufficient information to object to the severances," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison of the decision made at last week's council meeting.

While council argues that the runway would be safer and also improve the area's economy, they do not have enough definitive proof at this time to stop the severances. A feasibility study on the future of the airport and the runway in question will commence shortly as funding for the study was recently approved by the Sherborne, Stanhope et al Transition Board.

Harrison noted that until the study is completed council simply cannot stop the severances.

Deputy Reeve Murray Daniels argued that it was poor planning to allow the Middleton Estate property to be divided but agreed that the severances had to be accepted. He fears the municipality will otherwise end up on the losing side at further land hearings.

"I'm sure the land division would overrule us," said Daniels

Tom Gardner was the only council member who remained opposed to the severances. "It is poor planning. I still say no."

He is convinced that even if the study supports council's plans, the Middletons will nevertheless not part with the property.

"He's already said that he will not sell to the township," said Gardner. "They'll never sell it to us willingly."

Council members feel the property may have to be expropriated at market value instead.

Bill Middleton is happy that the severances are finally approved but believes council may have got the wrong impression from a previous discussion.

"I didn't say we wouldn't sell it and they'd have to expropriate it," he says of the family estate. "What I said is we realise that council can always expropriate the land eventually if the project gets approved."

The Estate of Jean Middleton applied to sever the 100-acre property into four pieces earlier this spring. Bill Middleton says he had no idea that township was considering another runway when the

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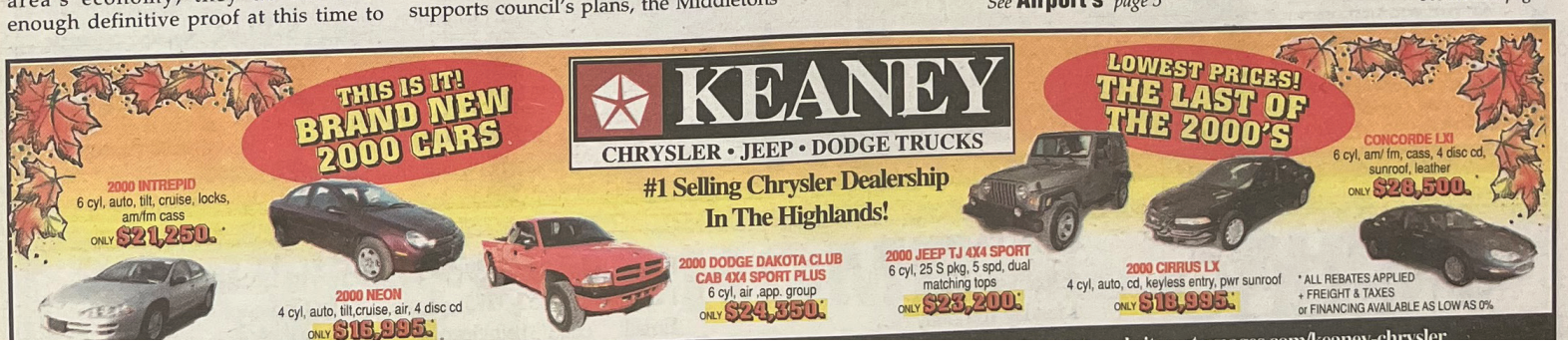
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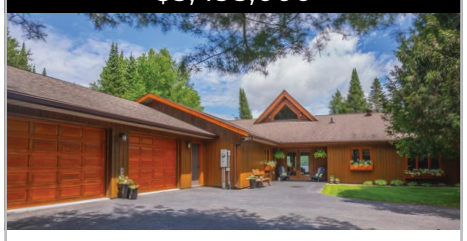

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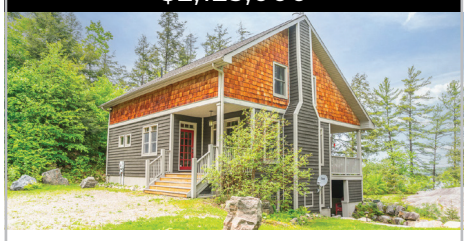

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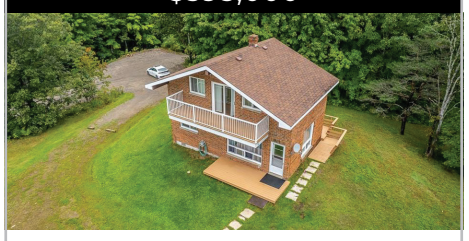

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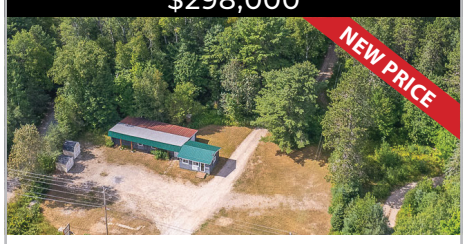

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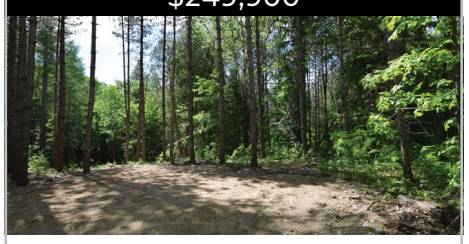

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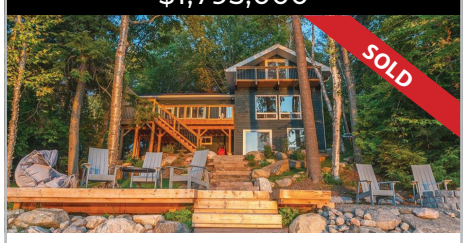

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R. Ambike

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